

INTEREST HIGH IN COMPE TITION FOR LONGEST SERVICE

Additional Prize of \$3 Is Offered by Chairman of Department of Education.

MANY NEW NAMES ADDED

"Mammy Lou" Entered by "Mistress" for Continuous Duty Prize.

Letters and messages pouring in every minute on Mr. J. Edson Briggs, chairman of the home economics committee of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs, shows that there is no flagging of interest in the domestic contest.

Fifteen new entries and the contribution of an additional prize for the contest were announced by Mrs. Briggs. Miss Frances Graham French, chairman of the department of education of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs, has contributed a prize of \$3, to be added to the other prizes already announced at the discretion of the contest committee. Miss French is past president of the Federation of Women's Clubs and past president of the Woman's National Press.

Many Names Added.
The honor roll with one who served was increased by some fifteen names this morning, with letters highly eulogistic of the worth and long service of the domestics. Louisa Watkins, better known as "Mammy Lou," was entered by her mistress, Mrs. Henrietta Naylor, for the continuous service prize.

"Mammy Lou" was a slave in the old Baden family in Maryland before the civil war. When the slaves were freed, she entered Mrs. Brightman's service, and has been there ever since. She is a civil widow, and draws a pension, which has latterly been increased.

Enters Two Domestics.

Mrs. W. L. Sampson, of 1613 New Hampshire avenue northwest, in entering two of her domestics, Emily Shipley and Rachel Morgan, described them as "never have needed a reproof, much less a reprimand." They have served her since November, 1902. Another instance of two maids in the same family for a long period of time is that of Mrs. Philip F. Lerner of the Florence Court. "I am anxious to commend my two maids, Bessie Brown, who has been with me sixteen years, and Chasie McCarthy, who has been with me fourteen years," she wrote Mrs. Briggs.

Officers of the committee in charge of the contest for the prize of \$30 offered by The Times for the domestic having the longest record of service in the family are enthusiastic over the continued interest in the affair. Mrs. Briggs declared today that it was a remarkable thing to find so many faithful and efficient domestics in this time of supposed quick change. The letters and messages telling of lengthy services from domestics keep pouring in, and it is estimated that the total number reported may amount to the hundreds mark before the contest is ended.

Servants to Get Certificates.

Certificates of loyalty are to be presented to all domestics who have been in the service of a family for over five years. The District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs is having these certificates nicely engraved and will present them to all entries who qualify. Mrs. J. Edson Briggs, 630 South Carolina avenue, southeast, is chairman of the committee in charge of the award of these certificates, and The Times' prize for continuous service. November 15 is the closing date of the contest, and the award will be made shortly thereafter. Every name entered is being tabulated and all facts given verified. Miss Ellen Marshall Rugg is in charge of this part of the work. The contest is limited to the District of Columbia. That a study of the methods by which mistress and servant were able to be contented with each other will be very beneficial to all employees is the assertion of those who have made a study of the subject. Employers will learn how to encourage their domestics to stay with them for many years, and this would be a far step toward the solution of the ever present servant problem. It is believed.

ALLIES GIVE LARGE 1917 STEEL ORDERS

New Shell Contracts May Total Million Tons.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Mill reservations for shell steel to the extent of about 100,000 tons were taken up last week by agents of the allied governments for shipment over the second half of 1917. Including about 25,000 tons of special analysis steel for shipment to France in the first quarter of next year.

This is only the beginning of such business. It is confidently expected that similar contracts to be closed for shipment in the third and fourth quarters of 1917 will aggregate between 800,000 and 1,000,000 tons.

Some additional munition orders are likely to be placed with domestic manufacturers and they are calling for further heavy orders of billets and bars for late 1917 and early 1918 delivery. Railroad equipment manufacturers are pushing heavy drafts upon the steel mills for bars, plates and shapes. Pig iron continues active, strong and buoyant. Prices in the South are up \$3.50 to \$4 a ton on export sales and \$1 to \$2 a ton on domestic contracts. In the North a further advance of \$3 a ton has been established. Sales are still large, totaling over 400,000 tons last week.

Earnings of the United States Steel Corporation in September were at the rate of nearly \$20 a ton. In the fourth quarter an average of \$31 a ton is expected.

The October output of crude and finished steel was about 5 per cent greater than in September, and shipments were larger, notwithstanding car shortage.

Secretary Wilson Back Because of Wife's Health

Secretary of Labor Wilson was recalled suddenly to this city yesterday by the serious condition of his wife, who suffered a third paralytic stroke a few days ago. Mrs. Wilson has been an invalid for a number of years. About two weeks ago she became seriously ill, and has been growing worse. Last night it was announced that her condition had greatly improved.

BATTLE RAGING NEAR GEN. PERSHING'S LINE

Large Scouting Parties Sent Out to Protect American Troops and Supplies.

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again. Most of the reports agree that the chase is to be resumed right after the election if the Democrats win. Color is lent to this by the appearance here on the border of Lieut. Col. C. B. Baker, in charge of motor truck transportation for the army, and the current story that he is en route to General Pershing with a view of constructing a tramway from Columbus to the Pershing base.

Colonel Baker, after a visit here of several days, left for Columbus and from there is going south to confer with General Pershing. He will observe the working of the motor trucks between Columbus and Colonia Dublan, and if it is the intention of the Government to construct a tramway for the motor trucks the details probably will be worked out before he leaves this section.

Colonel Baker was accompanied by J. G. Rogers, general superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad and president of the American Railway Association. It is proposed, according to apparently well authenticated reports, to construct a light tramway, using ordinary wooden ties and light steel rails.

IMPORTANT MEXICAN DEVELOPMENTS DUE

Things Will "Break" After Election, Is Belief Here.

Reports that important developments in Mexico will follow Tuesday's election spread in official circles today.

One report reaching Washington from the border was that Gen. John J. Pershing, commanding the American forces in Mexico, has tentative orders to take the field again against Villa in the event of a Democratic victory at the polls.

This brought forth a vigorous denial from the War Department. Another report, which went unheeded, was that an agreement had been reached between the American and Mexican mediation commissioners at Atlantic City for withdrawal of Pershing's army from Mexico after election.

Opposite Action.

These two reports, calling for diametrically opposite action, were among dozens of rumors of contemplated action by the Administration in Mexico. Out of the mass of reports and rumors a widespread feeling grew that important developments are on foot that will bring the Mexican question again prominently to the front as soon as the election excitement is over.

One circumstantial story in circulation was that if President Wilson is defeated for re-election he will bend every energy to maintain the status quo in Mexico and leave the Mexican problem as a legacy for Hughes, just as Wilson received it four years ago as a legacy from Taft.

Regardless of any Administration plans, however, State and War Department officials realize that their hands may be forced at any time by revolutionary activity in Mexico.

For this reason there was the keenest interest today in reports that the contending Mexican factions are grappling within a short distance of General Pershing's column in Mexico. The War Department up to noon had received no official confirmation of this fighting.

Villa Movement Growing.

Reports of the last few days that Villa has captured three cities in Mexico—Tlalcala, Santa Rosalia, and Jimenez—have been accepted as indication that the Villa movement is growing. Officials realize that if the Villa revolution continues to grow it will be practically impossible to maintain General Pershing's army in Mexico, in the immediate vicinity of these revolutionary operations, without danger of a clash involving the United States forces.

The lid has been clamped down tight by both the State and War Department, so far as military conditions and the Administration policy in Mexico is concerned. Every effort is being made to suppress any news that might in any way influence Tuesday's election.

NO PASSPORT, BUT MARBURG LEAVES

Sails for Europe to Rejoin British Aviation Corps.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Theodore Marburg, Jr., left here yesterday on the steamer Nordland for Falmouth, to rejoin the British aviation corps. Marburg sailed without citizenship documents since he was refused a passport by the State Department to return to Great Britain as an American citizen on the ground that he had forfeited his citizenship by enlisting in the Royal Flying Corps of England.

Some time after the war began Marburg joined the British aviators, and lost a leg in the service. He recently returned to the United States to recuperate. Before sailing he said he had ordered an artificial limb, and intended to resume flying.

Irishman Twists Lion's Tail in Australian Speech

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov. 5.—A remarkable speech on Ireland which was made recently by the Queensland minister for justice, J. Fihelly, resulted in Mr. Fihelly's utterances being made the basis for a motion of no confidence in the Irish government, of which he is a member, the defeat of the motion and a spirited manifestation of loyalty to Britain.

In addressing the Queensland Irish Association, Mr. Fihelly, while explaining that personally he had no quarrel with England, characterized it as the home of cant, humbug and hypocrisy. He declared that no Irishman after recent events in Ireland should be ashamed of his nationality or the impertinence to apologize for rebels.

U-LINER REPORTED NOW NEARING COAST

U-57's Alleged Presence Said to Be Ruse to Protect Second Visitor.

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they discover any German submarines in the vicinity of the American coast, that fact will be immediately reported to Washington by wireless.

As long as the visitors remain outside the three mile limit, there is nothing the United States submarines can do. It is known that several warships of the allies are racing from various points for the vicinity of the Nantucket Lightship, in an effort to head off the U-57. It is said it is by no means improbable that the German undersea fighter may run in here.

Not yet seen, however, as no manifest can be made public in the customs office here. There is still much speculation as to the nature of the cargo that can bring its value up to \$10,000,000, as claimed.

It is believed now that the Deutschland will sail in about a week. The unloading of the cargo has been completed.

EMPEROR ACCEPTS DUMBA'S RESIGNATION

BERLIN (by wireless to Sayville, L. I.), Nov. 4.—Dr. Dumba, who was recalled as Austrian ambassador to Washington at the request of the United States Government, has tendered his resignation to Emperor Franz Josef, said a Vienna dispatch today.

The Emperor accepted the resignation at the same time thanking Dumba for the excellent service he had rendered.

Hetty Green's Daughter Has Only \$42,700

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Hetty Green's daughter, Mrs. Matthew Astor Wilks, will pay personal taxes on only \$42,700 assessment instead of on \$1,000,000 for which she had not received her mother's legacy with which she was charged.

Henry P. Davidson, of the house of Mipran & Co., escaped a heavy assessment by swearing his residence is in Long Island.

FUNERAL RITES FOR CAPITAL RESIDENTS

Places and Time of Services Arranged by Bereaved Families.

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Funeral services for Capt. William W. Low, U. S. M. C., who was killed in action at Santo Domingo on October 24, will be held at the receiving vault at Arlington National Cemetery tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Captain Low is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Parmelee Low, two children, and by his two sisters, Miss Grace Low and Mrs. Russell, all of New Haven, Conn., and his brother, Major T. H. Low, U. S. M. C., retired, who resides in this city.

Mrs. Emma Wickes Merritt. Funeral services for Mrs. Emma Wickes Merritt, who died suddenly at the apartments of her son, Paymaster William Alfred Merritt, U. S. N., in the Rochambeau yesterday, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at St. Paul's Church, Kent county, Md. Interment will be made in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Besides Paymaster Merritt, Mr. Merritt is survived by three other sons, First Lieut. James Merritt, U. S. A.; Dr. S. W. Merritt, of Valdez, Alaska; and Robert G. Merritt, of this city, and one daughter, Mrs. Craven, wife of Commander T. T. Craven, U. S. N.

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25,000 AUSTRIANS KILLED ON ISONZO

Fiercest Fighting of War Marks Cadorna's Renewed Drive on Trieste.

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No offensive on the Austro-Italian front since the beginning of the war has been marked by such fierce fighting. Battling in the Carso mountain leads, Italian and Austrians have met in hand-to-hand struggles that have continued at some places all night. An especially furious combat preceded the capture of Veliki hill by the Italians. The summit was crowned by heavy Austrian artillery that drew a semi-circle of fire against the base of Veliki and prevented Cadorna's men from advancing in frontal attack.

Several small Italian detachments under cover of darkness reached the slopes of the sides of Veliki outside this fire zone. Without waiting for reinforcements they scaled the sides, surprised the enemy, and after a brief encounter with bayonets and daggers captured the Austrian battery. The victors signaled news of their success to their waiting comrades below, and then the captured guns on the Austro-Italian trenches to the east.

In the fighting southeast of Gorizia, Italian infantry charged over a wide area which had been flooded by the Vertobilla river. At some places they advanced to the attack in water waist deep, holding their rifles high above their heads.

It is estimated here that 25,000 Austrian troops are defending the Isonzo line now under attack by Cadorna. Several Austrian battalions have been practically wiped out of existence.

Members of Police Force Are Sent to New Posts

The following policemen have been transferred, the majority of them on request:

Mounted—H. M. Smith, from Seventh to Tenth; John Boland, Tenth to Seventh.

Boycle—W. D. Vaughan, Eighth to Fourth; Lexi Cox, Fourth to Eighth; C. F. Ehlers, Sixth to Second; T. D. Footmen—F. E. Woodward, Fifth to Second; B. M. Odum, Second to Fifth; J. D. Gallagher, Fifth to Seventh; Otto Johnson, Seventh to Fifth; H. W. Clark.

First to Third; W. W. Rinker, Third to First; I. H. Johnson, First to Fourth; J. M. D. McAbbin, Fourth to First; F. M. Howard, Ninth to fourth; D. Crouch, Fourth to Ninth.

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| 3. Stormy Sea of Love.....Solo | 14. Peter Pan (Fox-trot).....Band |
| 4. Come Back to Erin Mona Darling.....Solo | 15. Bantam Step (One-step).....Band |
| 5. You'll Always Be the Same Sweet Baby.....Solo | 16. If I Knew the "L" Out of Kelly, It Would Still Be Kelly to Me.....Solo |
| 6. When the Black Sheep Returns to the Fold.....Solo | 17. On the Old Dominion Line.....Solo |
| 7. When the Sun Goes Down in Roman.....Solo | 18. Camp Meeting Jubilee, Quartet |
| 8. Rigoletto Questa O, Quella (Verdi).....Operatic Solo | 19. Annie Laurie.....Solo |
| 9. I Want to Go Back to the Land of Cotton.....Quartet | 20. Honky Tonk (Fox-trot).....Band |
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